

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

September 3, 2014

SHEILA “Skip” NOWELL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sheila “Skip” Nowell Leadership Academy was held on

September 3, 2014 at Sheila “Skip” Nowell Leadership Academy, 43 Hawes Street, Central Falls, RI. Co-Chair Deborah Perry welcomed everyone, declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Present: Deborah Perry, Patricia Flanagan, Misty Delgado, Gigi Dibello, Joseph DiMartino, Stephanie Gonzalez, Suzanne Magaziner, Beata Nelken, Deirdre Denning Norton, William Walter, Nancy Wilson and Jodi Timpani.

Absent: Michele Cinquegrano, Susan Gershkoff, Katherine Klenk, Toby Simon, and Clarice LaVerne Thompson.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Beata Nelken made a motion to accept the agenda.

**On a motion duly made by William Walter, and seconded by Stephanie Gonzalez
it was**

VOTED: That the Sheila Skip Nowell Leadership Academy accept the agenda for the meeting of September 3, 2014.

Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Patricia Flanagan, Misty Delgado, Gigi Dibello, Joseph DiMartino, Stephanie Gonzalez, Suzanne Magaziner, Beata Nelken, Deirdre Denning Norton, William Walter and Nancy Wilson.

NAYS: 0

2. OPEN FORUM

Co-Chair Perry explained to the audience that the Board of Directors will allow for public comment, limited to two minutes per person and beginning with comments pertaining to approval items on tonight's meeting agenda before accepting comments on other topics.

Members of the Board of Directors were asked to give their full attention to speakers but were reminded that they could not engage speakers in conversation or answer questions.

If concerns or questions were raised from Open Forum topics, the Board could direct staff to follow up.

3. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

a. Strategic Plan: Deborah Perry reported that the Nowell Board would assemble a steering committee to select a consultant to work with Nowell Leadership Academy in writing a strategic plan for the school.

b. 360 Degree Evaluation Tool: Deborah Perry explained that the Personnel Committee would use an evaluation tool such as the 360 Degree model for evaluating staff, leadership and board members of

Nowell Leadership Academy.

c. Committees: Deborah Perry will send information to board members so they may choose to join personnel, finance, and nominating committees.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Beata Nelken requested a date correction: August 6, 2014 and address correction: 133 Delaine Street Providence.

On a motion duly made by Bill Walter and seconded by Patricia Flanagan, it was

VOTED: That the Sheila Skip Nowell Leadership Academy accept Minutes of the Meeting for August 6, 2014.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative and 2 abstained as follows:

YEAS: Patricia Flanagan, Misty Delgado, Gigi Dibello, Joseph DiMartino, Suzanne Magaziner, Beata Nelken, Deirdre Denning Norton, and William Walter

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINED: Stephanie Gonzalez and Nancy Wilson

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Jodi Timpani presented a motion to approve recommendation to purchase TIENET for Special Populations Student Information. This electronic case management system serves current enrollment of forty-five (45) students. There is a yearly hosting fee of \$500.00 and ~\$12.00 additional cost per student.

On a motion duly made by William Walter and seconded by Misty Delgado it was

VOTED: That Nowell Leadership Academy purchase TIENET, an electronic case management system serves current enrollment of forty-five (45) students. There is a yearly hosting fee of \$500.00 and ~\$12.00 additional cost per student.

Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Patricia Flanagan, Misty Delgado, Gigi Dibello, Joseph DiMartino, Stephanie Gonzalez, Suzanne Magaziner, Beata Nelken, Deirdre Denning Norton, William Walter and Nancy Wilson.

NAYS: 0

b. Jodi Timpani presented a motion to approve Nowell Leadership Academy's Learning Leader Network. Teachers and staff will be

compensated \$30.00 per hour to create and facilitate professional development to Nowell faculty on researched based topics in education and wrap around services. The professional development would not take place during the school day. Learning Leader network presenters would file as 1099 Consultants.

On a motion duly made by Suzanne Magaziner and seconded by Stephanie Gonzalez it was

VOTED: That Nowell Leadership Academy compensate teachers and staff \$30.00 per hour to create and facilitate professional development to Nowell faculty on researched based topics in education and wrap around services.

Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Patricia Flanagan, Misty Delgado, Gigi Dibello, Joseph DiMartino, Stephanie Gonzalez, Suzanne Magaziner, Beata Nelken, Deirdre Denning Norton, William Walter and Nancy Wilson.

NAYS: 0

c. Bill Walter presented a motion to request YWCARI set up a designated fund for Nowell Leadership Academy and said funds shall be used for the sole and exclusive purpose of implementing the mission of Nowell Leadership Academy. A legal document setting terms and conditions shall be drafted for consideration and approval

of both boards of directors. Discussion included 1.) clarification regarding donations made to the school and discretionary spending: the response was all fund allocation will approved by Nowell Board of Directors Finance Committee 2.) filing 501c3 as a YWCA or Nowell Donation: the response was YWCA hosts the fund and Deborah Perry requested that YWCA Board members recuse from voting.

On a motion duly made by Misty Delgado and seconded by Deirdre Denning Norton it was

VOTED: That YWCARI set up a designated fund for Nowell Leadership Academy and said funds shall be used for the sole and exclusive purpose of implementing the mission of Nowell Leadership Academy. A legal document setting terms and conditions shall be drafted for consideration and approval of both boards of directors.

Vote: 8 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative and two abstained as follows:

YEAS: Patricia Flanagan, Misty Delgado, Gigi Dibello, Joseph DiMartino, Suzanne Magaziner, Beata Nelken, Deirdre Denning Norton, and William Walter

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: Stephanie Gonzalez and Nancy Wilson

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Sec. 42-46-5(a)(2) -

sessions pertaining to litigation; reasonably anticipated litigation involving former employees.

7. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion duly made by Suzanne Magaziner and seconded by Patricia Flanagan, it was

VOTED: That the Nowell Leadership Board of Directors vote to seal the minutes of the Executive Session.

Vote: 10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Patricia Flanagan, Misty Delgado, Gigi Dibello, Joseph DiMartino, Stephanie Gonzalez, Suzanne Magaziner, Beata Nelken, Deirdre Denning Norton, William Walter and Nancy Wilson.

NAYS: 0

8. HEAD OF SCHOOL, STATUS UPDATE

Jodi Timpani welcomed Board members to a new school year and commented that September 4, 2014 marks the one year anniversary for school's official opening. She briefed all on GOCOLLEGEGO! A campus-wide approach to Mathematics focusing on preparing students for college and career readiness in Mathematics. Ideas Consulting provided an analysis of first year NECAP scores for students and based on findings created a campus wide Math plan which included scheduling changes for teachers and students, Brown

University college tutors, and data collection using both STAR and teacher created assessments.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Bill Walter with no objections.

Co-Chair Perry adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM